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Medical Expenditure Panel Survey – Insurance Component
HEALTH INSURANCE COST STUDY
Government Unit Questionnaire

Section C – RETIREE HEALTH COVERAGE CHARACTERISTICS

- 1. In 2000, did your government unit provide health insurance to any employees who retired from your government unit?**

*If your government unit did not have retirees, mark "No".
If COBRA was the only coverage offered, mark "No".*

- 551 1 ☐ Yes – Continue with Question 2
2 ☐ No
3 ☐ Don't know } **SKIP to Section D**

- 2. Did your government unit offer its retirees at least one portable plan?**

A portable plan allows the retiree to obtain care in almost all localities within the country.

- 512 1 ☐ Yes
2 ☐ No

- 3. How many RETIREE-ONLY hospital and/or physician plan choices did your government unit offer in 2000?**

Do not include plans for which ACTIVE employees were eligible.

- 510 Retiree-only plans
OR
511 ☐ None

UNDER 65 YEARS OF AGE

- 4a. Were retirees under 65 years of age ELIGIBLE to receive health insurance in 2000?**

- 209 1 ☐ Yes – Continue with Question 4b
2 ☐ No – **SKIP to Question 5a**

- b. What was the TOTAL number of retirees under 65 years of age covered by health insurance through your government unit in 2000?**

- 572 **Total** retirees under 65 covered by insurance

- c. What percentage of those retirees were ENROLLED in EMPLOYEE-ONLY coverage?**

- 573 % Retirees under 65 **enrolled** in **employee-only** coverage

- d. For a typical plan in 2000, how much did the EMPLOYER contribute toward the monthly plan premium for one typical retiree with EMPLOYEE-ONLY coverage?**

- 574 \$, . 0 0 **Employer** contribution for **employee-only** premium

- e. For this same plan, what was the TOTAL monthly premium for this typical retiree with EMPLOYEE-ONLY coverage?**

- 575 \$, . 0 0 **Total** employee-only premium

- f. For a typical plan in 2000, how much did the EMPLOYER contribute toward the monthly plan premium for one typical retiree with FAMILY coverage?**

For retirees, if premiums vary by family size, report for family of two.

- 576 \$, . 0 0 **Employer** contribution for **family** premium

- g. For this same plan, what was the TOTAL monthly premium for this typical retiree with FAMILY coverage?**

- 577 \$, . 0 0 **Total** family premium

Section C – RETIREE HEALTH COVERAGE CHARACTERISTICS – Continued

AGE 65 AND OVER

5a. Were retirees age 65 years and over **ELIGIBLE** to receive health insurance in 2000?

210

- 1 ☐ Yes – Continue with Question 5b
2 ☐ No – **SKIP to Section D, Question 1a**

b. What was the **TOTAL** number of retirees age 65 years and over covered by health insurance through your government unit in 2000?

578

Total retirees 65 years and over covered by insurance

c. What percentage of those retirees were **ENROLLED** in **EMPLOYEE-ONLY** coverage?

579

 %

Retirees 65 years and over **enrolled** in **employee-only** coverage

d. For a typical plan in 2000, how much did the **EMPLOYER** contribute toward the monthly plan premium for one typical retiree with **EMPLOYEE-ONLY** coverage?

580

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Employer contribution for **employee-only** premium

e. For this same plan, what was the **TOTAL** monthly premium for this typical retiree with **EMPLOYEE-ONLY** coverage?

581

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Total employee-only premium

f. For a typical plan in 2000, how much did the **EMPLOYER** contribute toward the monthly plan premium for one typical retiree with **FAMILY** coverage?

582

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Employer contribution for **family** premium

For retirees, if premium varies by family size, report for a family of two.

g. For this same plan, what was the **TOTAL** monthly premium for this typical retiree with **FAMILY** coverage?

583

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Total family premium

Section D – HEALTH COVERAGE CHARACTERISTICS

*Complete Section D if your government unit made insurance available to its **ACTIVE** employees in 2000.*

Estimates are acceptable.

1a. What was the total annual cost of coverage for **ALL** hospital and/or physician plans offered through **THIS GOVERNMENT UNIT** in 2000?

199

*Include both employer and employee contributions.
Include the total cost of coverage for all **ACTIVE** employees.*

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Annual cost for hospital and/or physician plans

b. What percentage of the total annual cost was contributed by the employer?

590

 %

Employer contribution

Section D – HEALTH COVERAGE CHARACTERISTICS – Continued																	
<p>2a. Which of the listed optional coverage services, if any, did your government unit offer to its ACTIVE employees in 2000 at a premium SEPARATE from the comprehensive health plan premium?</p> <p><i>Report single service insurance plans only. Do not include single services covered under a comprehensive health plan. Mark (X) all that apply.</i></p>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="margin-right: 10px;"> <p>192 <input type="checkbox"/> Dental</p> <p>193 <input type="checkbox"/> Vision</p> <p>194 <input type="checkbox"/> Prescription drugs</p> <p>195 <input type="checkbox"/> Long-term care</p> <p>562 <input type="checkbox"/> No optional coverage – SKIP to Question 3a</p> </div> <div style="font-size: 3em; margin-right: 10px;">}</div> <div>Continue with Question 2b</div> </div>																
<p>b. What was the total amount paid for optional coverage for all ACTIVE employees enrolled through THIS GOVERNMENT UNIT in 2000?</p>	<p>196</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; text-align: center;"> <tr> <td>\$</td><td></td><td>,</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>,</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>,</td><td></td><td></td><td>.</td><td>0</td><td>0</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: right;">Optional coverage cost</p>	\$,				,				,			.	0	0
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<p>3a. For 2000, did your government unit impose a waiting period before new employees could be covered by health insurance?</p>	<p>197 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes – Continue with Question 3b 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No – SKIP to Section E</p>																
<p>b. For 2000, what was the TYPICAL waiting period?</p> <p><i>Mark (X) only one.</i></p>	<p>198 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Less than 2 weeks 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 weeks to less than 1 month 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Until the first day of the next month 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 1–3 months 4 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 3 months</p>																
Section E – EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS																	
<p>1a. How many ACTIVE employees were ELIGIBLE for at least one health plan through your government unit in 2000?</p>	<p>201 <input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/> Eligible employees</p>																
<p>b. How many of these ACTIVE employees were ENROLLED in ANY health plan through your government unit?</p>	<p>202 <input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/> Enrolled employees</p>																
<p>2a. Did your government unit have any part-time employees in 2000?</p>	<p>563 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes – Continue with Question 2b 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know } SKIP to Question 3</p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;"><i>If your government unit did not offer health insurance in 2000, SKIP to Section F.</i></p>																
<p>b. How many of those part-time employees were ELIGIBLE for at least one health plan through your government unit?</p>	<p>204 <input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/> Eligible part-time employees</p>																
<p>c. How many of those eligible part-time employees were ENROLLED in ANY health plan through your government unit?</p>	<p>205 <input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/> Enrolled part-time employees</p>																
<p>3. Did your government unit offer health insurance to its temporary or seasonal employees in 2000?</p>	<p>564 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No 4 <input type="checkbox"/> No temporary or seasonal employees 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know</p>																

Section F – FRINGE BENEFIT CHARACTERISTICS

1a. Which of the following fringe benefits did your government unit offer in 2000?

For an explanation of unfamiliar terms, refer to the Definition Sheet included with this package.

Mark (X) all that apply.

- 050 ☐ Paid vacation
 051 ☐ Paid sick leave
 052 ☐ Life insurance
 053 ☐ Disability insurance
 054 ☐ Retirement/pension plans
 055 ☐ Medical savings accounts (MSAs)
 056 ☐ Flexible spending accounts
 057 ☐ Flexible benefit plans (Cafeteria Plans) *If marked, continue with Question 1b, otherwise, SKIP to Section G.*
 566 ☐ None of the above – **SKIP to Section G**

b. If your government unit offered a Flexible benefit plan (Cafeteria plan), what was the average ANNUAL value of the plan, for a TYPICAL employee, at this government unit?

058 \$, . 0 0 **Annual flexible benefit plan value**

Section G – EMPLOYEE CHARACTERISTICS

Provide information for a TYPICAL pay period in 2000.

Estimates are acceptable.

The following workforce characteristics are used to group similar government units together for analytical purposes.

If none, enter "0".

1a. What percentage of the employees at this government unit were women?

016 % Women employees

b. What percentage of the employees at this government unit were 50 years old or older?

017 % Employees 50 years old or older

c. What percentage of the employees at this government unit were union members?

018 % Union members

d. For the employees at this government unit in 2000, approximately what percentage earned –

Less than \$9.50 per hour?
 Approximately \$19,800 a year or less

022 % Earned less than \$9.50 per hour

Between \$9.50 and \$21.00 per hour?
 Approximately \$19,800 to \$43,700 a year

023 % Earned between \$9.50 and \$21.00 per hour

More than \$21.00 per hour?
 Approximately \$43,700 a year or more

024 % Earned more than \$21.00 per hour

2. How many hours per week must an employee work to be considered full-time at this government unit?

041 Hours

Section H – PERSON COMPLETING THIS QUESTIONNAIRE

212 Name (Please print)

213 Title

Signature

214 Date (Month/Day/Year)

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